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1. At 6:30 a.m. on 10 July 1953, 11 trucks [redacted] came from the woods near Buch and drove toward Oranienburg. At 1 a.m. on 12 July, vehicles driving toward Oranienburg included: about 260 tanks; 300 to 400 trucks, including 150 to 200 trucks towing AT guns and field guns; about 90 trucks with ammunition and billeting equipment; an undetermined number of trucks with soldiers; 80 to 100 armored weapon carriers with a machine gun; 8 ambulances; 5 field kitchens; and individual motorcycles. [redacted]  
[redacted] During the night of 12 July, about 60 SU-100, 80 trucks and weapon carriers with a machine gun marched from the vicinity of Buch toward Bernau. On 13 July, the woods near Buch were vacated by Soviet troops.
2. On the evening of 11 July, Soviet troops were withdrawn from Arnswalder Platz, East Berlin. Four trucks with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were standing on Boetzow Strasse. There were no more troops at the destroyed buildings on Dimitroff Strasse and Pasteur Strasse. Vehicles observed at the swimming stadium on Werneuchener Strasse included: 13 trucks towing an AT gun, and 4 trucks. T-34 tanks [redacted]  
[redacted] two trucks with a 57-mm AT gun, and a field kitchen were standing on Allensteiner Strasse near Kniproder Strasse. T-34 tanks [redacted]  
[redacted] and a truck with a 57-mm AT gun were seen on Virchow Strasse near the hospital. Vehicles assembled on Landsberger Allee near Werder Strasse included 6 trucks, 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 1 field kitchen, 1 jeep and 3 sidecar motorcycles. [redacted]  
[redacted] on the afternoon of 11 July, Soviet troops vacated the bivouac at Friedrichshain.
3. During the night of 11 July, Soviet troops left the bivouac at Friedrichshain [redacted]  
[redacted] about 40 T-34/85 tanks [redacted]  
[redacted] 14 armored scout cars. [redacted]  
[redacted] about 10 SU-100; 80 to 100 trucks [redacted]

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25X1 [ ] about 20 x 57-mm AT guns; 1 x 76-mm field gun; about 10  
 25X1 radio trucks, [ ] 6 to 8 field kitchens; 4 x 122-mm  
 25X1 limbered mortars; about 10 light mortars loaded on trucks; and 20 to 30  
 25X1 tank trucks [ ] Some of the tanks, SP guns and other  
 25X1 vehicles were entrained at Schoeneweide. On 12 July, about 300 soldiers,  
 25X1 about 25 van-like trucks, [ ] 8 to 10 trucks [ ]  
 25X1 [ ] 1 radio truck, and 7 BA-64 armored scout cars,  
 25X1 [ ] were still observed at Friedrichshain. Tents and  
 25X1 equipment were loaded on trucks.

4. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on 12 July, about 40 trucks, 1 jeep and 10 BA-64 armored scout cars were seen at the Swimming stadium on Dimitroff Strasse.

[ ] On 12 July, vehicles standing in the vicinity of Arnswalder Platz included: numerous trucks, [ ] 18 T-34 tanks, [ ] 22 SU-100 with a 100-mm AT gun; 50 trucks [ ] each truck with a machine gun; 5 armored personnel carriers; 4 trucks towing a 85-mm AT gun; and jeeps [ ] Numerous tents with soldiers were also observed. 1

5. On 13 July, only about 50 trucks with 300 to 400 soldiers were seen at Wuhlheide. The bulk of the troops had left. [ ] The headquarters on Treskow Allee in Karlsdorf-Sued was no longer observed. A KVP unit with 20 to 30 trucks was stationed in this area.

1. [ ] Comment. On 11 July 1953, the 12th Gds Tank Div was still observed at bivouacs near Buch and at Friedrichshain. The present report indicates that the departure of the wheeled elements and entraining of tanks commenced on the evening of 11 July 1953. [ ] six troop trains went from Berlin-Buch to Neuruppin between 11 and 13 July 1953.

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